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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UN MOVE EXPECTED THIS WEEK; BOTHA TO UN?

1. THE AUGUST 29 EDITION OF THE CITIZEN REPORTS THAT A UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK ON THE AHTISAARI NAMIBIA REPORT. REPORTER JAAP THERON CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A UN SOURCE THAT THERE IS GREAT AWARENESS AMONG WESTERN NATIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT KATIMA MULILO FIGHTING, OF A NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BEGIN A PEACEFUL ELECTION PROCESS IN NAMIBIA.

2. THE SAME SOURCE ALLEGEDLY TOLD THERON A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK, WITH MR. AHTISAARI'S REPORT CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS A DAY PREVIOUSLY.
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SYG WALDHEIM IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING AT LEAST TWO OPTIONS REGARDING AHTISAARI'S REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE CITIZEN, HE COULD APPEND AHTISARRI'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIS OWN MADE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ALTERNATIVELY, HE COULD FORWARD HIS OWN REPORT BASED ON AHTISAARI'S. "UN CIRCLES" ARE REPORTED TO BELIEVE THAT AHTISAARI'S PROPOSALS WILL NOT CLASH WITH THE NATURE AND SPIRIT OF THE

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED IN APRIL BY SA. IT IS ALSO ALLEGEDLY EXPECTED THAT HE WILL NOT MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DEAD END THE PEACE INITIATIVE.

3. THE WEST IS DESCRIBED IN THE CITIZEN ARTICLE AS "ESPECIALLY" REALIZING " THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISION OF THE PLAN REFERRING TO AN OVERALL CEASEFIRE BEFORE THE SA TROOPS WILL EVEN CONSIDER A WITHDRAWAL."

4. PM VORSTER'S CABINET WILL MEET TODAY, AUGUST 29, AND REPORTEDLY WILL CONSIDER SENDING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PIK BOTHA TO ATTEND EXPECTED SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. IF HE GOES TO NEW YORK, BOTHA ALLEGEDLY WILL STRESS THE NEED FOR SWAPO TO HALT ALL HOSTILE ACTS.
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